

MORE WILD RUMORS AGITATE SOLDIERS REPORT THAT THIRTEENTH WILL BE DISBANDED.

General Gobin, However, Confidently Expects That His Entire Brigade Will Yet See Service in Cuba. Review of the Third Brigade, Entire Division Will Go on Parade Today—Bath-Houses Ordered for the Soldiers—Surprise Evincing at the News of Snow in Scranton.

Special to The Tribune. Camp McKenzie, Augusta, Ga., Dec. 1.—A review of the Third brigade by General Gobin was held this afternoon at 4 o'clock. There were wild rumors circulating through camp last night to the effect that the Third brigade would be dissolved upon the return of General Gobin to Pennsylvania to be sworn in as lieutenant governor, the Fifteenth Minnesota to be attached to the Third army corps, now at Savannah, and the Thirteenth and Eight to be mustered out.

The review this afternoon was cited as another convincing argument in this respect. The Tribune correspondent called to see General Gobin this evening, and he said that the rumors are without foundation, and that he yet confidently expected to see Cuba with those who are now under him. He also stated that bath-houses for the troops encamped here have been ordered to be constructed and that in his opinion there would be several weeks before any changes are made here. He held today's review as a preliminary event, as tomorrow a review of the whole division will take place in the presence of Major General Young, commander of the First division, till he was selected to serve as one of the Cuban military commissioners.

The new stoves for the Thirteenth were received this evening and the canvas may be received at any moment. The boys were surprised this morning when reading of heavy snows and frosts in Scranton. It was 30 degrees here today and the boys were out on the drill grounds without coats. This evening is like the close of a day in the early part of summer.

SETTLED IN NEW CAMP. The Thirteenth is now settled with comparative comfort in the new camp, about two hundred yards further towards the southwest than formerly. The movement was begun Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, and by 11 all the men were under canvas. The work was done with a rush, and the Thirteenth's tents were pitched some time before those of the Eighth. The Fifteenth Minnesota has not yet broken camp, or made any attempt to get to its new site.

The regimental headquarters were removed shortly after dinner, and before supper all the routine work consequent on the change, was done. The entire plan of camp is now transformed; electric light poles must be removed and placed so as to accommodate the new position of the troops; additional water pipes laid, and the former camp site thoroughly overhauled once more so as to fit it for drill grounds. If there is one thing more than another which is aggravating to the boys

of the regiment, it is the persistent failure of the new canvas to arrive here. This is unintelligible—it is becoming wearisome. The latter part of last June, just five months ago, Regimental Quartermaster Cox, in his official capacity, made the rounds of the different companies for the purpose of inspecting the canvas and condemning what was unfit for use. On several tents he placed the stamp "T. C."—inspected, condemned, and it was then again in the hands of the quartermaster, furnished forthwith; still, after nearly half a year of waiting, suffering and hoping, the men in many cases have had to live and make themselves as comfortable as possible when it rained, under canvas which offers little, if any, resistance to the generous influx of chilling water. There is as much explanation for this state of affairs as the Egyptian Sphinx would give to a question, and the natural result is that many uncomplimentary, if not burning, criticisms, are offered.

THE FOOD QUESTION. The food question is also becoming a source of irritation, and this is the more to be regretted, because it is the most grievous drawback of all, and the officers, though desirous of doing whatever is possible for the men, are simply powerless to remedy the evil.

The trouble reached a head yesterday when many of the companies refused to accept the ridiculously meagre rations which were issued to them and went to Colonel Courson for redress. "This action will doubtless clear the atmosphere somewhat, and the officers from Colonel Courson down, will endeavor to ascertain how long the men of the regiment will have to live on a morsel of bread, hard tack and salt pork.

When this camp was first opened the appearance of the boys in blue almost within the very belt which marked the devastation of Sherman's victorious legions on their march to the sea, did not create very much enthusiasm. Now, however, it is different. The people in and around Augusta have become accustomed to the soldiers and all distinctions of north and south are either set aside or entirely obliterated, and the pleasantest relations now exist. The latest example of this kindly feeling is the following circular letter, which has been received and read to the boys of the Thirteenth.

To the Soldiers in Camp McKenzie, The Brotherhood of St. Andrew has opened some rooms in the city on the southeast corner of Broad and McIntosh streets, which you are cordially invited to use. You will be heartily welcome to come there and make yourselves at home. You will find the daily papers, magazines, and other literature also writing materials. You will be welcome at all times to read, write or pass away a pleasant hour while in town.

FURLOUGH EXTENDED. Corporal Charles Ross, of D. son of J. Elliot Ross, who was taken sick soon after the regiment had reached Camp Meade, and shortly afterwards removed to his home in Scranton, had made application for extension of his furlough for thirty days. The application has been approved.

Private Bert Miles, of A, better known as "General Miles," is appointed John Freeman and William L. Leavelly, of the same company, as members of his "staff." Sergeant George Culver, of A, who had such a severe attack of sickness and who, though not in the best of health, rejoined the regiment before the departure of the south, has been enjoying splendid health since he came here, and now feels as well as ever. There are many complaints prevalent as to the slowness with which mail is handled at the Augusta post office. The post authorities there have a job on their hands, attending to the soldiers' mail.

Sergeant Lattimer Reese, of F, still continues to discharge the duties of adjutant of the First battalion, in place of Lieutenant Harry M. Courson, who is lame on a sick leave of absence. Richard J. Bourke.

OLYPHANT.

A regular meeting of the school board was held Wednesday evening, Messrs. Powell and Holleran were the only members absent. A petition signed by one hundred citizens asking that the school board appoint a night school teacher to instruct a number of Slavish boys who are desirous of acquiring a knowledge of the English language, was presented. The board granted the request and appointed Joseph Perch, who had applied for the position and presented a certificate from the county superintendent. The school will be opened on Monday night. The salary will be \$25 per month. Some of the members reported that a number of the pupils attending the night school could not be governed by the teachers. The board instructed Professor Cummings to look into the matter. Several bills were passed. The salary of the janitress of the Fourth ward school was fixed at \$20 per month. The contract for supplying fuel to the different schools was awarded to Martin Dempsey, who was the lowest bidder. The new Fourth ward school was insured for \$10,000 in the firm of O'Malley & O'Malley. At Professor Cummings' suggestion the supply committee was instructed to purchase what books are needed. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" will be presented at the opera house next Monday night.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Catholic Benevolent union last evening officers for the coming year were nominated. Mrs. C. H. Dunning, of Kane, Pa., is visiting relatives here.

Harry Seybolt, a boy 7 years of age had his leg cut off by the gravity car on Wednesday afternoon. Young Seybolt was returning from school when he undertook to board a moving train of cars near the Fourth ward school. He was thrown beneath the cars and had his leg severed below the knee. Dr. Crans is attending the young fellow who is doing as well as can be expected at present writing.

Officer Murray arrested a young man by the name of Peter Walsh, of Scranton, on Wednesday, on the charge of stealing three suits of clothes from the house of John McAndrews on Lackawanna street. Walsh was a boarder at the place and was about to depart with the stolen clothes when detected by Murray. He was taken before Justice Cummings and stoutly denied the theft. The evidence, however, was so conclusive that the justice held him in the sum of \$50 for his appearance at court.

Edison's kinetoscope will be seen at the Father Mathew Opera house next Tuesday evening, and Rev. B. M. Potten will deliver a lecture on the Spanish-American war. The entertainment is for the benefit of the Presbyterian church. The price of admission is 15, 25 and 35 cents.

Aldridge Requests Suspension. Albany, N. Y., Dec. 1.—George W. Aldridge, superintendent of public works, today requested Governor Black to suspend him from office pending an investigation of his department by the courts.

FLAG RAISING AT PORTO RICO

DESCRIBED BY PRIVATE IVES, OF ELEVENTH INFANTRY.

Speaks of the Damage That Was Done by Sampson's Gunners During the Bombardment of San Juan. Men of Small Means Are Advised to Keep Away from Porto Rico. Men Expect to Be Discharged from the Service Before Christmas. Some Novel Experiences on Island.

Many interesting letters received by friends and relatives in this city from our soldier boys in Cuba, Porto Rico and elsewhere have appeared in The Tribune. All sorts of interesting events heretofore only told in commonplace press dispatches have been perused with renewed interest. None of the letters, so far as known, have described the great "flag-raising" held November 13, 1898, at San Juan, Porto Rico. Besides, not many soldiers have the time, inclination, or ability to write an interesting description of such stirring events in a letter. Such an one, however, was recently received by Frank Hepler, of Jackson street, from his "covey," George W. Ives, who enlisted with Lieutenant Dentler. Private Ives is a member of Company M, of the Eleventh United States infantry. His company assisted in the ceremony at San Juan and well here is his letter telling all about it.

It will be remembered that this company was part of the detachment of the Eleventh infantry which accompanied General Miles to Porto Rico in the latter part of July. The letter is as follows:

THE LETTER. San Juan, Porto Rico, Nov. 13, 1898. Friend Frank: In compliance with your request and knowing that my friends and the friends of other soldiers in our command whose homes are in the vicinity of Scranton, take more than a passing interest in what we are doing here, I take this opportunity of reciting some of the experiences we have had through since taking possession of this heretofore hoisted stronghold of the now defeated and humbled Spanish army.

The sixteenth of October we left Mayaguez, where our regiment had been quartered for two months on the transport Rita for San Juan. We arrived at the latter place the day following, owing to some misunderstanding were delayed in landing until the morning of the 13th.

When we did get ashore, however, we learned, with considerable satisfaction, that it was to our command the honor had been given of taking possession of the city and fortifications and of participating in the ceremony of raising the American flag over the various government buildings and on the top of Morro castle and other forts. It was 12 o'clock noon that the flag raising took place and the enthusiasm which attended the ceremony was such as may be looked for only on occasions of a like kind where the victors are possessed of that generous spirit that enables them to treat kindly the vanquished.

As the flag ascended the poles at the various points the heavy guns of the forts roared out in salute, drowning for the instant the roar of the city and the cheering of the few American citizens and sympathizers who were here. After the flag raising we marched to the Spanish barracks, in the rear of Morro castle, and took possession. Within a week after our landing the Spanish soldiers had all left for Spain, though in the city there are many Spanish residents who hate the rule of the Americans is intense.

THE BOMBARDMENT. Among the many interesting things to be observed here, one of the principal is the effect of the bombardment. The old Morro castle, which Spain boasted was proof against almost anything, shows many ugly scars on her walls where American shells had taken out large holes. In several places the outer wall was so badly injured that it will undoubtedly have to be rebuilt. In my opinion, the American gunners on board Sampson's boats could have shelled the old castle out of existence, without receiving injury in return. In a very few hours had it been the desire of that able naval officer to do so, and Sampson knew it.

Nor was the fort the only building that suffered from the bombardment. Directly behind the fortifications and at some distance into the town the buildings show holes and large breaches in their walls where exploding shells had found their way. The barracks in which we are quartered was the worst wrecked. One whole section, large enough to accommodate 200 soldiers, is entirely torn away, and the whole side that was exposed to the sea is peppered with small holes. The land approaches to the city appear to be impracticable and might defy the strength of the whole American force on the island.

The city of San Juan is an ancient looking old place, the houses are low, the houses low and dirty, with thick walls and closed blinds over holes where windows of glass ought to be but are not, and the natives are in the habit of inhabiting the houses they build. Of course in the business section of the town and around the main Plaza, every Porto Rican town has its Plaza, the buildings present a much better appearance and the higher classes of society also dwell in buildings of finer structure than their poorer neighbors. The whole, however, reminds me of pictures I have seen in children's Sunday school papers of the ancient cities of the Old World.

A novel experience which I had since arriving here was that of climbing a cocoanut tree and plucking from its bushy top the large clusters of nuts. You may imagine that to me they tasted far better than any cocoanuts I had ever eaten before. Bananas and oranges are among the chief articles of production in the fruit line on the island and one may go out into the country and pluck them from the tree for himself.

I have observed that quite a large number of Americans have arrived within the past two or three weeks, presumably looking for an opportunity to make money. Poor fellows! Almost invariably they are on their return trip within a few days after their arrival. The few Americans who have opened business here have spoiled things for themselves so far as the soldiers are concerned by charging exorbitant prices for inferior articles. Until capital shall open the way, this is no place for the man of small means and he will do well to remain away.

The men of the Eleventh regiment who enlisted or re-enlisted after the declaration of war have all put in applications for their discharges and expect to be out of the service some time next month. Many hope to be home for Christmas, though there is no telling just when the applications will be acted upon.

PECKVILLE.

Last Wednesday night sneak thieves entered the meat market of A. W. Brundage, on South Main street. The thieves smashed the money drawer and obtained \$2 in change that had been left in the drawer over night. Mr. Brundage has been the victim of numerous depredations of this class for the past three months, and he has decided to offer a reward of \$25 for the arrest and conviction of the thieves who so frequently give him a call.

Prof. H. E. Barnes, of Hickory street, is very ill. Mr. John Samson, of Bethany, Pa., is visiting his brother, Hayden Samson, of Hickory street. Mr. J. D. Day and Mrs. Frank Barnes spent yesterday at Scranton. The Ontario and Western depot was broken into and ransacked by thieves Wednesday night. The burglars gained entrance through the waiting room by prying open a window. They broke open the gum and weighing machines and abstracted the pennies. The office was visited next and the ticket cases broken open, and in one of the cases was forty pennies, which they secured. Valuable express matter was left undisturbed. A number of boxes of freight in the warehouse was opened, but nothing was taken with the exception of a small amount of raisins and nuts. No trace of the thieves has been obtained up to date.

Mr. George Schooley, of Breese street, is ill with typhoid fever. Mr. William J. Davis is in Scranton visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Peary. The United States Express company has placed a fine delivery wagon in this place for the accommodation of its patrons. A. C. Antrim is the delivery agent and he will run the wagon to Malby, Peory Port and Exeter borough. The harp recital and songs given in Music hall on Tuesday evening, was well attended and greatly enjoyed by all. About \$20 was realized after paying expenses.

Mrs. E. D. Wilson is quite sick at her home on Shoemaker avenue. The Star concert entertainment to be given under the auspices of the Baptist church will open the first number on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 27, with Edward D. Joyce in the impersonation of David Copperfield.

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